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**ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL V. MCGRAW, JR., THE  
UNITED STATES CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
URGE CONSUMERS TO KEEP SAFETY IN MIND THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Attorney General Darrell V. McGraw, Jr., and the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission held a statewide press conference today, alerting consumers of the latest recalled toys and toy-related deaths and injuries.

Last year 25 toy-related deaths involving children under the age of 15 were reported to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). There were 255,100 children treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries, an increase of 64,000 from the previous year.

"Toys are an important part of holiday gift-giving," said Attorney General McGraw. "Preventing needless tragedies and providing a safe environment for children's activities are the best holiday gifts we can provide for our families."

Non-powered scooters top the toy fatality list. Victims died from blunt force trauma to the head, neck and chest. Most deaths were the result of collisions with motor vehicles or falling on a steep slope. In fact, riding toys in general continue to be associated with more injuries than any other category of toy. Forty-four percent of the total injuries occurred to the head and face area. Arms, from shoulder to finger, accounted for 27 percent of the injuries, while the leg and foot area accounted for 18 percent. Accidents from aspirated balloons, toddler riding toys, toy boxes and choking on small toy objects accounted for the remaining toy-related deaths.

Attorney General McGraw strongly urges parents to buy age-appropriate toys, provide supervision and follow safety guidelines outlined on the product's packaging. "Child safety gear such as helmets, elbow and kneepads are a must," warned Attorney General McGraw.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission also released the latest recalled toys checklist. This list identifies recalled children's products that are off store shelves but may still be lurking in garages, attics, basements, toy boxes or closets.

Gearbox Pedal Cars distributed by Alpha International Inc. The paint on some of these pedal cars contains high lead levels.

Air Powered Rockets distributed by Estes Industries. The rockets' foam tips can break off exposing sharp edges that can cause face lacerations or eye injuries.

Firestormer and Skyblazer toy air-powered planes distributed by Spin Master Toys. The plastic air intake chamber of the air-powered toy plans can burst, throwing plastic pieces, posing a laceration, bruise and abrasion hazard to consumers.

Animal Toy Sponges distributed by Dollar Tree Stores. The eyes on the toys can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Stuffed Polyester Pool Animals distributed by Dollar Tree Stores. The seams can separate exposing the polyester stuffing and foam beads. The foam beads pose a choking hazard to young children.

Cotton Candy Machine distributed by Rose Art Industries. The electric motor on the cotton candy machine can jam and overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Baby Walkers distributed by Oriental International Trading Company and Bikepro. The walkers can fall down stairs.

Toy Tracks on Activity Center distributed by Graco Children's Products. The toy track can break, presenting a cut or pinch hazard and exposed small parts pose a choking hazard to young children.

Playpens that can collapse and entrap a child in the V-shape folded top rails. CPSC is aware of 15 deaths to children when the top rails of playpens collapsed. A new industry standard requires that the top rails of these playpens automatically lock into place when the playpen is fully set up. CPSC obtained voluntary recalls of the following playpens with top rails that people had to turn into place when setting up the playpen: Evenflo "Happy Camper," "Happy Cabana," and "Kiddie Camper;" Century "Fold-N-Go" Models 10-710 and 10-810; Baby Trend "Home and Roam" and "Baby Express;" and Kolcraft "Playskool Travel-Lite Model." CPSC also issued a safety warning about "All Our Kids" Models 742 and 762 playpens imported by a firm that is out of business.

Consumers should report defective toys to the West Virginia Attorney General's office at 1-800-368-8808. For a complete list of recalled toys, visit the CPSC web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) or call toll free 1-800-638-2772.

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